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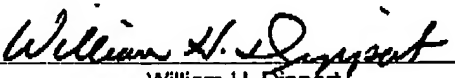
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 10/524,711, which is a U.S. national application of PCT Application No. PCT/IL03/00995 which is CIP of 10/303,064 filed on November 25, 2002.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP §2001.06, MPEP §1893.03(e) and MPEP §1893.03(g) and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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